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Mr. Bourgee. I am a Colored
boy, aged 18 yrs. was

born on the 24th of July. 1875,
and have seen the defects of
the colored people in America
(that is the U. S.) and I
want them brought to a
higher plain of civilization
and morality, and will
exert all my energy to
bring them there. I am poor,
but I hope to have an effect
on them, though living here
I must be cautious, for
fear of southern whites.
but I being the amalgamation

of English, Scotch, Moorish,
Fulah, and Mandingo
blood make me strive for
intelligence and morality,
which is a natural inheritance
in me. As I have not time to
say more, I will write again.
Will you please write to me
as soon as you can, and
give me the address of Miss
Ida B. Wells. Your friend,
Gollern S. Schiller,
Starke Fla.